

# Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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APRIL 14, 2024

## PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor.....Rev. Justin Golna, J.C.L.  
Office Manager.....Steph Russell  
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Dir. of Religious Education.....Monica Biery  
Maintenance.....Liam Flickinger  
Housekeeper.....Chasity McConaughy  
Parish Council.....John Alvarez  
Finance Council.....Bill Garvey

## SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM:** For Infants: Parents make arrangements with the pastor/office. For Adults: Baptism will be given on Easter Vigil after completing the RCIA program. For details, please contact Parish Office.

**MARRIAGE:** Please make arrangements with the pastor. Six months minimum notice is required for the celebration of marriage.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** Please contact the Parish office for arrangements.

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday:** 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

**Mon, Tuesday and Thursday:** 8:30 a.m.

**Wednesday and Friday:** 5:30 p.m.

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

**Saturday:** 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

**Sunday:** 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

**Monday, Tuesday & Thursday:** 8:00 - 8:25 a.m.

**Wednesday and Friday:** 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

## ADORATION

**Wednesday:** 9 a.m. — 5 p.m.

## MISSION STATEMENT

We the family of St. John the Evangelist Parish commit ourselves to the call of Baptism: To Listen, To Learn, To Live and To Share the Word of God through our lives.

## Pastor's Perusings – Feedback and Updates

We have had a lot of excitement over the past few weeks. In the midst of all the hectic activity of Holy Week and the Octave of Easter, we found ourselves immersed in the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord. As we continue our journey through this Easter season, I thought it might be an opportune time to bring some questions and updates to you.

One area that I want to bring to your attention concerns our Charity Account. Each year on Thanksgiving Day, the collection that is taken up is put towards the charitable efforts of the parish. This takes the form of direct help by aiding families with their utility bills, by providing them with groceries, and by providing those who come to our door with much needed medicine. The only requirements that we have to receive this aid that we are able to offer is that the person requesting aid has to live within our parish boundaries and that we are able to offer help only once per year. This requirement is in place so that we are able to directly help the people with whom we live and serve and to try to maximize our limited resources. Unfortunately, we have seen an increase in the number of people coming to the church to ask for help (although it is a good sign that people know where to turn in times of need!) and this increase in the number of requests we have had has shown that the annual collection we take to serve those in need in our community is no longer sufficient to last us the whole year. What I am seeking your feedback on is this: **Would it be burdensome if we added an extra second collection once a quarter (4 times per year) for our Charity Account in order to help the growing number of people needing our help?** This is just one way in which we are planning on increasing our commitment to serve our community. If you are in favor of the idea or if you think that our efforts would be better placed elsewhere, I invite you to let me know so that we can best serve God through our neighbor together. If you are a parishioner and in need of assistance, this account is for you, as well. No shame, no judgment, just help.

We are continuing to plan to attend Deacon John's Ordination to the Priesthood in Wheeling on Friday, May 31st, at 5 p.m. If you are interested in attending without the hassle of Wheeling construction and parking, then I invite you to join us on the bus as we go to pray Deacon John through those final moments until he becomes Father John Soplinski. Please call the parish office and sign up for the bus now to join us to help Deacon John celebrate becoming Father Soplinski.

On Saturday, June 1st, soon-to-be-Father Soplinski will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving at our parish at 9 a.m. All are invited to attend the Mass and the light reception that will follow. It will be a beautiful day in the life of our parish as we come together to celebrate with Deacon John his Mass of Thanksgiving. This will also be a wonderful time to see all the seminarians of the Diocese who will be here to serve this special Mass.

Speaking of seminarians, every summer the seminarians of our diocese are assigned to parishes as part of the formation process. The seminarians live in the rectory with the priest, work and immerse themselves in the parish life for the 2 months of their assignment, and encounter the People of God in the different parishes all over the diocese through these different parish assignments they receive each summer.

This summer, we have been blessed that the Bishop has decided to send to us a seminarian for his summer assignment! As I briefly announced at Mass last weekend, we are fortunate to welcome Dominic Re who will be moving in around the time of soon-to-be-Father John Soplinski's Mass of Thanksgiving here at our parish on Saturday, June 1st. Dominic is at the halfway point, more or less, on his journey to the priesthood and I ask that you begin to pray for him and the other seminarians who are preparing themselves to serve the People of God of Wheeling-Charleston.



Sat	4:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun	8:00 am	James Kunzler+
Sun	10:30 am	Mildred Bayless+
Mon	8:30 am	Anthony J. Cipriani Jr.+
Tue	8:30 am	Mary Margaret Cipoletti+
Wed	5:30 pm	People Affected by the Flooding
Thur	8:30 am	Sister Salvinette M.C.
Fri	5:30 pm	Mary Margaret Cipoletti+
Sat	4:00 pm	Sperlazza/ Rockey Families+
Sun	8:00 am	Guy & Mary Mazzaufo+
Sun	10:30 am	People of the Parish

**READINGS**

**Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19, Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9, 1 Jn 2:1-5a, Lk 24:35-48  
**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15, 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30, Jn 6:22-29  
**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51—8:1a, Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab, Jn 6:30-35  
**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8, Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a, Jn 6:35-40  
**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40, Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20, Jn 6:44-51  
**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20, Ps 117:1bc, 2, Jn 6:52-59,  
**Saturday:** Acts 4:8-12, Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29, 1 Jn 3:1-2, Jn 10:11-18  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 4:8-12, Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29, 1 Jn 3:1-2, Jn 10:11-18



**April 20, 4:00 PM**  
 Gre Pam & Jeanette  
 Ser Avery & Liam  
 Lec AJ Mitchell

**April 21, 8:00 AM**  
 Gre Toot & Joanie Lazear  
 Ser Theresa Kowcheck  
 Lec Fred Casale

**April 21, 10:30 AM**  
 Gre Brad & Katie Shaffer  
 Ser Stothard, & Philip  
 Lec Katie Shaffer



April 7, 2024 Collection	Attendance	Amount
Weekly Envelopes	176	\$3657
Votive Candles		\$ 40
Building & Maintenance		\$30
Mother's Day		\$10
Budget		\$2,900.00
Active Parishioners	259	

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

The apostles were afraid of Jesus until He ate with them and they touched Him. In your family the ordinary acts of eating together, touching, embracing not only confirm our love for each other, but also celebrate God's presence in your family. These "ordinary" moments contain the "Extraordinary."

**USHERS PLEASE COUNT**

THE READINGS for this weekend are in the Hymnal at 905.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This Sunday, April 14th will be Building & Maintenance. Next Sunday, April 21st will be a Special Collection from the Bishop for Disaster Relief.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14th:** We will be sorting through pictures for our 100th Year Celebration in the parish hall. We invite everyone to come and take part in our Historical Display. Refreshments will be served, we hope to see you all there!

The **FOOD PANTRY** will be open on Wednesdays from Noon to 3:00pm to assist Brooke County residents. A valid ID & proof of address required. If you would like to donate any non perishable items please leave them in the red bin located in the vestibule.

We have placed sign up sheets at both entrances for our **100th YEAR CELEBRATION**. We are having a catered meal this year so we only ask you to bring yourselves, no covered dish needed!

On Wednesday, April 24th at the 5:30 p.m. Mass the Vicar Forane, Father Ledford will be joining us for the Mass to **INSTALL** Father Golna as the Pastor of our wonderful Parish! We will have a small reception in the parish hall after Mass. We hope to see everyone there!

# BIRTHDAY Blessings

**Sat:** Cassidy Bland, Meile Morris, Dena Scott

**Sun:**

**Mon:**

**Tue:** Carey Scott, Nancy Mitchell, Joan Lazear, Mike McFadden

**Wed:** Anthony Stone

**Thur:** Pat Ferry, Liam Morris

**Fri:** Chase Beall

**Sat:**

**Sun:**



## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things."  
- Lk 24:44, 48

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### THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

is burning in memory of *Louis Staffileno* from April 12th to April 25th.

## Congratulations

We would like to CONGRATULATE our very own cantor Jariel Henthorn for receiving her sacrament of Baptism into the Church at Corpus Christi.

IF YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ADVERTISING IN OUR BULLETIN PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE 304-737-0429 OR EMAIL [OFFICE@STJOHNWELLSBURGWV.COM](mailto:OFFICE@STJOHNWELLSBURGWV.COM) FOR MORE INFORMATION

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE AND THEIR INTENTIONS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

DR. SCOTT BENEFIELD AND FAMILY, DAVID WOODS BOB STUCKEY, ELLIE EVANS, PAULA HENDERSON, LAUREN PEARSON, DOMINIC CIPRIANI, MARY ROSE, DIANE BAYLESS, HILDA TARQUINIO, JOE BIBBO, GARY ANTIGO, BEVERLY SCHWERTFEGER, CHERYL BLAND, JOE BOSICK, JIM AND SHARON PAVLIC.

Please keep the parish office updated of anyone you have added to the PRAYER LIST every 30 days.



If you purchased an Easter Flower and would like to take it home, they are now located in the parish hall.



You're invited to join in the celebration of the first Mass of Rev. John David Soplinski

St. John the Evangelist Church  
1300 Charles St. Wellsburg, WV 26070  
9 AM on Saturday, June 1st 2024

Treats and coffee to follow in the parish hall.

*He reached down from on high and seized me; drew me out of the deep waters. He rescued me from my mighty enemy, from foes too powerful for me. They attacked me on my day of distress, but the Lord was my support. he set me free in the open; He rescued me because He loves me.'*

Psalm 18:17-20

If you happened to miss the photo appointments for the **COMMEMORATIVE CENTENIAL PHOTO DIRECTORY** you can still be included by submitting a photo of your choice with payment of \$15 to the office.

We are currently in search of door prizes, basket donations, and pictures from all of our combined parishes for our **ALL SCHOOL REUNION** historical display on June 30th. If you have any copies you would like to lend the parish please call the office or email them to [office@stwellsburgwv.com](mailto:office@stwellsburgwv.com) Our next meeting to sort these photos will be Sunday, April 14th at 1 p.m. in the parish hall. We will also be having the next meeting for the **CELEBRATION** during that time.

We are looking to fill the 2 p.m. Adorer spot for our **WEEKLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** on Wednesdays, if anyone is available please call the office, sign up or let Julie Elkinton know.

Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has approved a **SPECIAL COLLECTION** to be held the weekend of **April 20-21, 2024**, in all parishes and missions throughout the diocese to support recovery efforts related to the series of disasters that have occurred. Checks should be made out to your respective parish with **"Disaster Relief"** on the memo line. Donations can also be made on the diocesan website at <https://dwc.org/disaster-relief/>



Please join us for the **MASS OF INSTALLATION** for Father Golna on Wednesday, April 24th at 5:30 p.m. with a small reception to follow in the parish hall. We hope to see you

# Upcoming Events

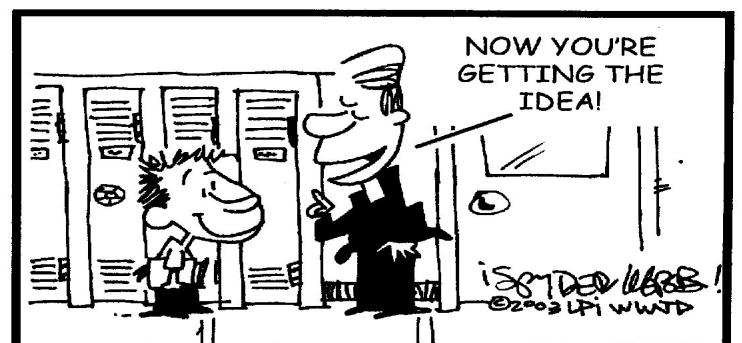
## APRIL PARISH EVENTS LOCATED IN THE CHURCH AND PARISH HALL:

- Wednesday, April 3rd: Altar & Rosary Meeting 6 p.m.
- Thursday, April 4th: Dolores Antigo Funeral 11 a.m.
- Friday, April 5th: Wedding Rehearsal 7 p.m.
- Saturday, April 6th: Streisselberger/Brewer Wedding
- Sunday, April 7th: Confirmation Retreat
- Tuesday, April 9th: Coffee Klatch 10 a.m.
- Wednesday, April 10th: Soup & Sandwich 11 a.m.
- Sunday, April 14th: Celebration Meeting  
And Picture Sorting 1 p.m.
- Friday, April 19th: Sister of Saint Elisabeth Convent  
before and after Mass
- Wednesday, April 24th: Mass of Installation 5:30 p.m.,  
reception to follow in the parish hall.
- Wednesday, April 24th: Men's Group 7 p.m.  
(Canceled due to reception)

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Saturday, May 11th: Confirmation 11 a.m.
- Sunday, June 30th: 100th Year  
Celebration 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday, December 14th: 100th Year Dedication Mass/  
Holiday Luncheon

## 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



## What's going on in Paradise?

### NJHS PROJECT - BMS BROOKE CO. ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS

Accepting donations of food items, toys, towels, blankets etc.

THANK YOU!



Gabby Mazeika, Braya Mazeika & Bryn Adler

Any items can be brought to the church and placed in the basket in the vestibule.

The Brooke County Salvation Army Feeding Program offers **FREE TAKEOUT LUNCHES** on Thursday's from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The **MEMORIAL MASS** for Babies Who Died Before Birth whether by miscarriage, abortion, ectopic (tubal) pregnancy (no distinction will be made) & whether occurring recently or years ago. The Mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 200 Preston Avenue, Weirton, WV. Confession will be available at 5:30 p.m. So that we may best honor your child please call 304-723-0478 or 304-748-0688 to RSVP (all family members and friends are welcome).

On Friday, April 19th after Mass The **SISTERS OF ST. ELISABETH CONVENT** will be here selling religious articles to help support the work they do in psychiatric hospitals, orphanages, and with the homeless.

### WE ARE HIRING

**PART TIME MAINTENANCE :**

- FOR THE CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH/SCHOOL
- SEND RESUMES TO [CCP1011WHG@DWC.ORG](mailto:CCP1011WHG@DWC.ORG)

BY MONDAY, APRIL 22ND

CALL US FOR MORE INFORMATION !

304-277-2911

On May 21st Ohio Valley Business Alliance Corporation will be hosting the **PITCH CONTEST** at Brooke High School starting at 6 p.m.

**ST. ANTHONY ALL-SCHOOL REUNION** will be on Saturday, June 22, 2024 in Follansbee, WV. A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. in St. Anthony's Church followed by a banquet at 6:00 p.m. at St. Francis, Hooverson Heights.

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The Diocese of Wheeling Charleston is looking for a **HUMAN RESOURCES GENERALIST** who will work as part of the HR team with a focus on supporting the Catholic Schools throughout the Diocese. The generalist will also serve to drive the onboarding process within the Diocese. Qualified candidates should forward a cover letter and current resume to: Debbie Turziano, Director of Human Resources at dturziano@dwc.org.

### Commemorating 100th Anniversary of Benwood Mine Disaster in Prayer

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston invites the public to a special prayer service at 4pm, Sunday, April 28, at Mt Calvary Cemetery, 1685 National Road, Wheeling, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 119 lives lost in the two explosions for the Steel Coal Benwood mine disaster.

Notably many were also Catholic, belonging to St. John Parish in Benwood and St. Ladislaus in South Wheeling. The memorial on April 28th this year will take place at the site at Mt. Calvary, where the largest mass burial in Wheeling ever took place. On May 5, 1924, 22 miners were buried during a service that was conducted in three languages.

**Why do Catholics go to Confessions?** Disobeying God damages our friendship with him, so we need his forgiveness to heal it. That is why Jesus initiated the Sacrament of Reconciliation (also called "Confession"). *"Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven"* (Matthew 16:19). This brings us back to God. In Confessions, we admit what we did, say that we are sorry, and resolve never to do it again. Penance helps us make up for it. When the priest conveys Christ's forgiveness to us, our friendship is restored.

### Why is Mass Offered for Specific People?

The greatest prayer that we have as Christians is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. At each Mass, Christ's Sacrifice on Calvary is re-presented and renewed. In the Mass, the graces achieved on the Cross are applied to souls for their salvation. This is why we have Masses offered for particular intentions. To have a Mass offered for a loved one, living or deceased, please contact Steph. Having intentions for a Mass is a sacrifice of \$10.00 during the week and \$20.00 on the weekend. Call the church office during regular hours if you have any questions.

### Sanctuary Candle Intentions

The red Sanctuary Lamp by the Tabernacle burns to remind us of the Eucharistic presence of Jesus Christ. It is a mark of honor to remind the faithful of the Real Presence of Christ, and is a profession of their love and affection for our Lord. If you wish to have the Sanctuary Lamp burning in memory of a loved one, to honor a special occasion, or a special intention make arrangements with Steph. The cost of the candle is \$20.00. It will burn for (2) weeks. The memorial will also be published in the Bulletin.

### Mass Etiquette

Remember to silence, turn off, and put away your cell phones, tablets, and gaming devices prior to the start of Mass.

### Communion Fast

Keep in mind the Communion fast—we are to fast from food and drink (water and medicine excluded) one hour before receiving Holy Communion. **This includes chewing gum.** Let us prepare our body and soul to worthily receive our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

April is **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** and the DWC has sent some resources if anyone would like a copy please call the office. Below is a **PRAYER FOR HEALING: FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE.**

God of endless love,  
ever caring, ever strong  
always present, always just;  
You gave your only Son  
to save us by his Blood on the Cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,  
join to your own suffering  
the pain of all who have been hurt  
in body, mind, and spirit  
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters  
who have been gravely harmed,  
and the cries of those who love them.  
Soothe their restless hearts with hope,  
steady their shaken spirits with faith.  
Grant them justice for their cause,  
enlightened by your truth.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,  
heal your people's wounds  
and transform brokenness into wholeness.  
Grant us the courage and wisdom,  
humility and grace, to act with justice.  
Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.  
Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Is the Lord calling you? Call Rev. Brian Crenwelge at the **VOCATIONS OFFICE, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston** at 304-233-0880, ext. 298

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800-352-6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 304-233-0880 or 888-434-6237: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Father Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304-230-1504. Visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for more information.

